

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A telephone docking station that combines the operation of a wireless telephone, a
cordless telephone, and a land-line telephone interface is taught. The wireless telephone
and land-line interface provide telephone resources to the cordless telephone, which
functions as a telephone terminal unit. Telephone calls can originate or terminate from
either telephone resource. The cordless telephone handset provides for selection and
10 display of the presently connected telephone resource. Caller ID information from both
resources are routed to the cordless telephone. The cordless telephone automatically
answers the presently ringing resource when is received. A speakerphone and an
answering machine are added as alternative telephone terminal units in an illustrative
embodiment. A Caller ID preview and hold function is provided so that the user can
15 manage multiple calls from the telephone resources.